

be in position to ratify as soon as any other two of the principal Allied and Associated Powers. Parliaments of the Union of South Africa and New Zealand have also approved and I hope soon to receive telegram announcing that Australian Parliament has approved.

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181. *Extrait de l'instrument de ratification du Traité
de Paix avec l'Allemagne*

George, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc., etc., etc. To all and singular to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas a Treaty between Us and the Powers and States therein specified, providing for the termination of the state of war existing between the Allied and Associated Powers on the one part and the German Empire on the other part, was concluded and signed at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen, by the Plenipotentiaries of Us and of the aforesaid Powers and States duly and respectively authorized for that purpose, together with a Protocol indicating the conditions in which certain provisions of the Treaty are to be carried out, which Treaty and Protocol are, word for word, as follows . . .

And whereas a Treaty was also concluded and signed at the same time and place between Us and the other Principal Allied and Associated Powers on the one hand and Poland on the other hand, providing for the recognition of Poland as an independent and Sovereign State, which Treaty is, word for word, as follows . . .

And whereas an Agreement between Our Plenipotentiaries and those of the Governments of the United States of America, Belgium, and France of the one part and the Plenipotentiaries of the Government of Germany of the other part, regarding the military occupations of the territories of the Rhine, was also concluded and signed at Versailles on the date afore-mentioned, which Agreement is, word for word, as follows . . .

We, having seen and considered the Treaties, Protocol, and Agreement aforesaid, have approved, accepted, and confirmed the same in all and every one of their Articles and Clauses, as We do by these Presents approve, accept, confirm, and ratify them for Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors; engaging and promising upon Our Royal Word that We will sincerely and faithfully perform and observe all and singular the things which are contained and expressed in the Treaties, Protocol, and Agreement aforesaid, and that We